



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

April 8, 2009

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Thank you to Jayne Micciche and Audrey Loria for coordinating a hugely successful Mentor Program at Lincoln this year. Last Thursday, hordes of fourth and fifth graders strutted their newly gained expertise in areas from rocket science to embroidery. Matching the children with the topic they request and recruiting all those mentors is no small task. Thank you also to the countless mentors who gave freely of their time and knowledge to help widen the horizons of our children. While our Volunteer Recruitment Open House has filled many spots on committees for next year, have no fear, there is still room for those who would like to help out in any capacity. Please contact Jenny Splaine, Linda McDonough or Bridget Stump with any inquiries you have about the various committees at Lincoln. Spring events are arriving at warp speed so please note all the event dates in this newsletter and those in the Principal Linc. Importantly, the Lincoln School Clean-Up day has been moved to Saturday, May 9th and the Moving On Ceremony for 5th graders will now happen on Thursday, June 18th. Our best,
—Jenny Splaine and Linda McDonough

CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 8th:

Volunteer recruitment Open House and monthly LSPA meeting, 8:30am

Friday, April 10th:

No School – Good Friday holiday

April 19th-25th:

No School – April Vacation Week

Friday, May 1st:

May Day celebration

Sat., May 9th:

Lincoln School clean-up day, 9-12 noon

SAVE THE DATE! Mark Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to Noon and join the Building & Grounds Committee for a Spring Clean-up of the Lincoln School grounds. We'll be picking up trash, raking, spreading mulch, trimming bushes and sweeping winter sand from the sidewalks to help keep our school as beautiful and safe as it can be. Kids are absolutely welcome. Bring your work gloves, shovels, rakes,

gardening tools, push brooms and wheelbarrows. For information contact Rachel or Keith Whitehouse at 781-721-0153 or racheljwhitehouse@hotmail.com.

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE

5th Grade Moving On Ceremony

is now:

Thurs., June 18th @ 6:45 pm

Please mark your calendars!

5th GRADE STUDENTS & PARENTS

It's a Winchester tradition for all 5th Grade Choruses from Winchester to come together for an evening of choral singing at Winchester High School Auditorium. This annual Spring Sing Fling is a wonderful opportunity for the 5th Graders to hear and be heard. This year's concert will feature High School Octets and Chamber Singers who will sing a combined number with the elementary choruses. The concert will take place on Tuesday, April 14, at 7:30 pm. Students should arrive at WHS Auditorium at 7:10 pm for warm-ups and a quick rehearsal. The concert is free and open to families and friends of 5th Grade students. The length of the concert is approximately one hour.

HEALTH OFFICE UPDATE

To all 5th grade parents:

First reminder: Please check your child's backpack and return the enclosed permission slip for the Human Growth and Development program. There is an opportunity for parents to preview the films before the students. You may pass the form to the teacher, or health office.

Second reminder: If you haven't done so already, please pass in a copy of an updated physical exam for your 5th grader. It must be dated June 1, 2008-June 1, 2009 for entry into McCall. I sent reminder notes to those who need to update their records. Thanks for your cooperation.

—Lynn Vozzella, RN

AUTHORFEST - APRIL 16

The 16th annual Authorfest will be Thursday, April 16th. Twenty authors and illustrators will visit each Winchester public school plus St. Mary's. In addition, the Winchester Public Library will host author Jamie Spencer who will present a program for preschool children at 9:45 am. Founded by school librarians and volunteers more than a decade ago, Authorfest is designed to strengthen children's love of reading and help improve their writing skills. Presenters visit each grade level, talking about how they write or illustrate a book plus the skills needed to get published. Personal contact with a published author often sparks student enthusiasm and classroom achievement in unexpected ways. Some of the 20 authors visiting Winchester this year are Brian Lies, Dan Mahoney, Jeff Nathan, Susan Lubner Allen Kurzweil, and Jackie Davies. Classroom visits aren't open to the public but everyone is welcome at the town wide book sale and signing at **Town Hall from 3:00pm – 5:00pm** (great gift ideas!!). Book sale profits will bring more authors and illustrators to Winchester next year. Book Ends website also features a link to purchase Authorfest books, www.bookendswinchester.com. Authorfest is run by volunteers and funded by a generous grant from WFEF; each school's parent association; the EnKa Society plus a grant from the Winchester Arts Council. Authorfest is also strongly supported by Book Ends. For more info contact Ceci Cordeiro at cecicordeiro@comcast.net or 781-729-3192. Interested in volunteering? please contact Anita Colasante at anitacola@yahoo.com or 781-775-6500.

BUS FEES FOR 2009-10 ARE SET

The 2009-2010 bus transportation fees are set. A fee schedule and application can be found at www.winchester.k12.ma.us.

WISH LIST- PLAYGROUND BALLS

We are looking for all sorts of playground balls - tennis balls, bouncy balls, and

volleyballs. If you have extras at home to donate, please bring them to the office.

PEANUT BUTTER IS BACK!!

Peanut butter & jelly and peanut butter & fluff sandwiches are once again available for lunch in the Lincoln School cafeteria.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES: CAMEL (SUKKAR BANAT)

As part of One Winchester, Many Traditions, International Connections and the Winchester Public Library present the final film in their Monday evening series on April 13 with *Caramel*, also known as *Sukkar Banat*. The series is free and all are welcome. *Caramel* is a Lebanese romantic comedy—a beauty salon in Beirut becomes a treasured meeting place for several generations of women, from various walks of life and religious backgrounds, to talk, seek advice and confide in one another. “Sweet, intimate and sophisticated” (Los Angeles Times) “Charming... Lovely, hard to resist” (The New York Times). Multiple award-winning film in Arabic with English subtitles. MPAA rating: PG.

Fire codes limit our seating. For info about the series, contact Yvonne Coleman at ycoleman@minlib.net or 781-721-7171 x26. To learn more about the films: www.winpublib.org/1winchester.htm.

FREE HOME ENERGY SAVING SEMINAR COMING TO TOWN HALL

Those in Winchester who are interested in reducing their home energy use and costs through cheap, do-it-yourself solutions, and in learning about ways to finance energy and heating improvements, can attend a free seminar, *Home Energy Savings*, on **Tuesday, April 28th**, from 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the Winchester Room at Winchester Town Hall. Sustainable Winchester (the environmental organization behind the Cool Winchester Project) and the Town of Winchester are hosting this session. A representative of the Massachusetts Municipal Association will discuss these topics, lead a slideshow to illustrate hands-on tips, and provide free educational materials for everyone attending. Refreshments provided by Whole Foods. coolwinchester@gmail.com

EN KA SEEKS BOOK DONATIONS

The En Ka Society, Winchester's oldest women's service organization, seeks donations of lightly-used children's and adult books to support the book sale tent at the Society's annual Street Fair, scheduled for May 15 and 16. This year's Fair is titled “I Love A Parade!”

Until May 14th, books can be left anytime on the wooden collection pallets at the Sanborn House's Carriage House, adjacent to the Ambrose School at 27 High Street. Look for signs saying “Book Drop Here.” Books should be placed in small, easy to handle boxes. Please wrap boxes in plastic to protect the books from the elements. En Ka is particularly in need of gently read paperback fiction, mysteries, and children's books. Videos, DVDs, audiotapes and CDs in good condition are also appreciated. No text books, encyclopedias, magazines or condensed books please. All proceeds from the book sale will support En Ka's annual grants to dozens of Winchester's charitable and civic organizations. Books that remain unsold at the end of the Fair will be donated to a variety of charities. Questions, call Andrea Burbage at 781-729-9036 or Margaret O'Connor at 781-729-3725.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE ENKA FAIR

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming EnKa Fair being held, Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16. If anyone is interested, please Contact Ann Hibbard 729-0235 or Gigi Barnabei at 721 3067.

PARENTING BOOK GROUP

Parent to Parent and the Winchester Public Library is offering a series of four books group discussions focused on a wide range of parenting issues. Our final group discussion of the year will be on April 30, when we will be talking about the profound parenting issues raised in Jodi Picoult's novel about a school shooting, *Nineteen Minutes*. For more information, contact parenttoparentwinchester.org.

LOOKING FOR FUN DURING THE SUMMER WEEKS? WHY NOT HAVE FUN WHILE LEARNING?

Winchester Public Schools will be offering a **Summer Enrichment Program**. Enrichment courses range from animals and nature to MCAS prep and pod-casting. Courses are offered to all Winchester students and will be taught by Winchester Public School's teachers! For details on courses and registration information, visit our website at: www.winchester.k12.ma.us & click on “Summer Enrichment Program.”

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER PROJECT FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS?

The Wright-Locke Farm Conservancy Board (the Town's steward of what many people know as Hamilton Farm and the U-Pick Raspberry Field) has the answer. To honor Winchester's agricultural past and raise awareness of the importance of

preserving the Wright-Locke Farm, the Conservancy is sponsoring a town-wide contest (a Squash-a-Thon!) to see who can grow the heaviest Blue Hubbard squash. This is the squash believed to have been developed in Winchester and stored over the winter months in the Squash House at the Wright-Locke Farm. The rules are simple. Pick up a starter kit for \$2.00, follow the directions, and bring your heaviest squash to the weigh-in at the Farmers' Market on the last Saturday of September. Starter kits—which contain everything you need except water and sunshine—will be available outside the main entrances to the elementary and McCall schools at the close of school on Tuesday, April 28. The kits will also be available at the transfer station on April 25 and May 2 and at Book Ends after mid-April. Questions? WLFarm@comcast.net.

WINCHESTER FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL NEWS

By now you should have received a letter from the Winchester Field Development Council (WFDC). WFDC was formed to support the construction and renovation of valuable field space in Winchester through private funding. The current focus of the WFDC is to raise private funds in support of the Manchester Field Renovation Project and to increase awareness about our mission. Details and information on the entire project can be found at www.wfdc.net. This project will provide benefits for the entire community of Winchester. I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration of the Winchester Field Development Council's request for your support. We are off to a great start and with your help we can and will reach our goals.

—Paul Manganaro, President, WFDC

LINCLETTER DEADLINES/TYPISTS

Please submit news for the Lincletter, by email, to the typist listed for each deadline by Friday at 2:30 pm. News can also be dropped off in our office mailbox.

Deadline	Publish Date	Typist
4/9 (Thurs)	4/15	Lijun Luo
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